Clubs Asked to Put on Carnival at Wild West WinterFest 2007

Is your club looking for a fun, easy way to earn some money? How about a carnival? The 2007 Wild West WinterFest Committee would like to make an old fashioned "school carnival" part of the event this year. In the past some of the 4-H clubs held a one of these events at Halloween time, but haven't for the past several years. The clubs set up booths like bean bag tosses, fishing booths, pie throwing and ring tosses. The committee invites each 4-H club to set up a booth during WinterFest and help with us the "school carnival" concept. Each club could charge a small fee for each contestant and maybe the winners would receive a little candy or some LITTLE prize. Another way these booths could be used would be as a food drive for the Food Bank. Maybe each contestant would bring in a can of food. It would be totally up to each club. The event would be held on Saturday or Sunday, Feb. 17 or 18 in one of the heating exhibit buildings. Either day would work for the WinterFest. For more info, give the Fairgrounds office a call at 582-3270 or email us at fairgrounds@gallatin.mt.gov

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Club Leader & Club Officer Social

In Mid-November there will be a social hour for club leaders and club officers. There will be a short training session along with plenty of time for discussion between leaders and members. There will be a sharing of ideas to assist each club with planning for the next year. This is still in the planning stages. We will be mailing a notice all club leaders and they will invite the officers of their club.

4-H Club Officers and Roles

The officer and committee system is a good way of dividing jobs and responsibilities among club members in an orderly way. The number of officers needed is determined by the size and type of club. Club officers are usually elected annually, near the beginning of the 4-H year. One of the Leaders or parents should be responsible for helping officers carry out their responsibilities. Encourage the officers to attend officer training when it is offered at to county or state level.

<u>President</u> – Prepares the agenda with other officers and Leader, and presides at club meetings. Knows and follows parliamentary procedure. Appoints necessary committees. Works with Leaders to see that meetings run smoothly. Checks on meeting arrangements.

<u>Vice-President</u> – Assumes duties of President in his/her absence. Has responsibility to see that committees are working on assigned tasks.

<u>Secretary</u> – Keeps complete and accurate records of each business meeting. Writes all club correspondence. Keeps club role and all other club records up to date.

<u>Treasurer</u> – Handles all club money. Keeps accurate and up to date financial records. Collects dues (if applicable).

<u>Historian</u> – Maintains and updates the clubs history book to preserve information for future club members.